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In re U.S. Patent Application of )

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Application Number: 10/770,479 )

Filed: February 4, 2004 )

For: DESIGN METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A )  
SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT )  
COMPRISING CHECKERS VERIFYING THE )  
INTERFACE BETWEEN CIRCUIT BLOCKS )  
(As Amended) )

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**COVER LETTER**

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[ x ] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	5	5	(Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	2	2	(Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
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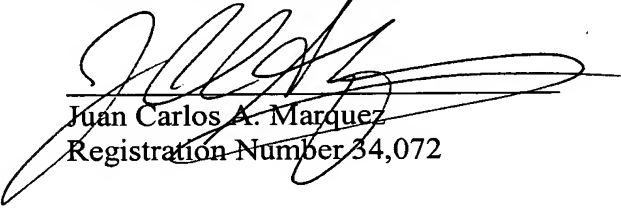
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Respectfully submitted,

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